

shift in utilization patterns in favor of costlier products coincided directly with the removal of LCA policies.

LCA policies may be a useful tool for conserving taxpayer funds, provided that patients retain access to appropriate care; however, in light of the 2009 court ruling, LCA policies are not likely to be restored without legislative action. Therefore, we recommend that CMS:

CONSIDER SEEKING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT LCA POLICIES FOR PART B DRUGS UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES

By seeking a legislative change to amend the current statutory Medicare provisions applicable to Medicare Part B drugs, CMS could regain the flexibility to implement LCA policies for certain clinically comparable products under circumstances it deems appropriate.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
JIM KOKASKA

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Jim Kokaska, who has safely returned from his most recent tour in Afghanistan. With a distinguished career in the U.S. Army spanning over two decades, his efforts and sacrifices deserve our recognition and gratitude.

Lt. Colonel Kokaska's overseas service began when he was deployed to Germany, and later to Bosnia, where he served as a combat engineer on de-mining operations. More recently, he has completed one tour in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan with the 416th Engineer Battalion. Although his position as an engineer is incredibly stressful and taxing, he has continued to serve admirably and deserves the respect of all Americans. His impressive service record is not only defined by his skills and expertise abroad, but by the continuous commitment and loyalty that he has demonstrated throughout his long career.

Lieutenant Colonel Kokaska is also a devoted husband to his wife, Jane, and father to their five children: Ashlynn, Matthew, Lauren, Julia, and Ella. He will be joined by his friends and family to celebrate his homecoming on Saturday, December 15th, at St. Linus Catholic Church in his hometown of Oak Lawn, IL.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Kokaska for his selfless contributions and long-time service to our nation.

HONORING BENJAMIN S.  
SCHMIDLING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin S. Schmidling. Benjamin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Benjamin has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has led his troop in many capacities, including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Den Chief and National Youth Leadership Training staff member. "Prairie Spirit," as he is also known by, has earned 33 merit badges, his favorite of which is golf. Benjamin has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Benjamin remodeled and restored a playground area at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Easton, Missouri, planting butterfly bushes and cleaning up the garden area. Benjamin hopes to continue pursuing his passion for hockey into high school, juniors, and college, where he plans on studying medicine with the hope of becoming a doctor.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin S. Schmidling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW  
HERRNHUT MORAVIAN CHURCH  
ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the New Herrnhut Moravian Church on its 275th Anniversary. New Herrnhut, in my district of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, is the oldest Moravian Church in the Western Hemisphere. This weekend, the church and its extended fellowship will celebrate the almost 3 centuries of service to the people of the Virgin Islands and as a fellow Moravian I will proudly join them as they do so in scheduled activities.

Upholding its mission and vision to spread the Gospel and serve people, missionaries of this church, founded in what is present day Czechoslovakia, came to St. Thomas, which was then a Danish possession, on December 13, 1732, exactly 275 years ago today. Freed slave Anthony Ulrich, Leonard Dober and David Nichman arrived in St. Thomas to bring the Good News of Christ and salvation to the enslaved population.

Historical church documents show that despite the resistance and criticism of plantation owners and the general community, one missionary, Brother Frederick Martin purchased Estate Posaunberg, on the eastern end of St. Thomas and renamed it New Herrnhut in 1737. The acquisition of this property allowed the missionaries to minister directly to the slaves, which began the work of the church in the New World.

The original church was destroyed by hurricane and the one that now stands is more than 200 years old. The plain and simple design is modeled after the original Moravian Church in Herrnhut, Germany.

The New Herrnhut congregation today is ably led by Pastor Reverend Anique Elmes-

Matthew, who grew up in the Friedenstahl Moravian congregation on St. Croix. More than 50% of its membership may be able to trace their roots to the original slave members who formed the first church on St. Thomas. The Moravian Church in the U.S. Virgin Islands, present on all three main islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John has been a pillar of strength to the community at large, serving as a source of spiritual strength and continuity. The New Herrnhut congregation is renowned for its rich musical tradition which they have shared with the faithful around the world.

On behalf of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the 112th Congress of the United States, I would like to congratulate the Pastor, the Board of Elders, the Board of Stewards, the 275th Anniversary Committee, and the wider congregation on this historic and auspicious occasion.

HONORING THOMAS COX, PURPOSE  
PRIZE RECIPIENT

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an attorney in my District who has been awarded one of only five Purpose Prizes this year for his role in uncovering irresponsible and fraudulent foreclosure practices. The Purpose Prize recognizes people over 60 who do great things for the public good.

After years of representing banks during foreclosure proceedings—and literally writing the book on how attorneys perform foreclosures in Maine—Thomas Cox became disillusioned with the industry. He left his firm and didn't know if he would ever practice law again.

Long soul-searching led Thomas to return to law—but this time on the other side of the table. Volunteering for the Maine Attorneys Saving Homes Project, he represented families facing foreclosure. Using his years of experience, he worked with dozens of families to make sure their rights were represented and that everything possible was being done to keep them in their homes.

Representing one homeowner in a battle with GMAC Mortgage—one of the largest mortgage servicers in the country—Thomas helped uncover a practice that came to be known as "robosigning." To speed along foreclosures, the bank was approving documents without verifying their accuracy. His discovery led to a larger uncovering of systematic foreclosure fraud at the nation's largest mortgage servicers. In the end, 49 states sued these banks, winning a settlement of \$25 billion to help those who are at risk of foreclosures and imposing new loan-servicing standards.

As Thomas continues this important work today, he now recruits, mentors, and inspires young attorneys to focus less on making money and more on making positive change in their communities. "I feel more alive than I think I've ever felt in my life because it's good work," he said.

I am so grateful that Thomas took his career and life in this direction. It's a decision that has benefited thousands of families across the country and will have a lasting impact in inspiring young lawyers for years to come. My

best wishes to him as he receives this well-earned honor.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
MALAK JADALLAH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Malak Jadallah, whose exemplary work as a Member of my Congressional Staff in the role of Immigration Liaison brought clarity, resolution and hope to complex immigration issues for thousands of constituents and their families throughout the 10th Congressional District and beyond.

Since 1996, Ms. Jadallah worked as a tireless advocate on behalf of those seeking immigration assistance, including those walking that complex path to legal residency and citizenship. Ms. Jadallah pierced through red tape and a cultural climate that rained paranoia and discrimination by providing a steady light of resources and guidance for numerous individuals seeking U.S. citizenship.

Throughout her 16-year tenure, Ms. Jadallah created strong bonds with key individuals locally, nationally and internationally. Her dedication to her work, her easygoing nature, and above all her unyielding belief in, and true compassion for the people she advocated for, made her so effective, her expertise was sought by the most powerful immigration attorneys and the most influential national and international leaders. From foreign ambassadors to directors of humanitarian agencies, Ms. Jadallah's vital connections strengthened my work and supported successful resolutions for thousands of immigration cases.

Ms. Jaddallah's efforts also supported my legislative work. Her work spanned volumes of cases that ranged in complexity and scope, from helping constituents obtain travel or work visas to critical cases in which her collaboration with global rights leaders and organizations enabled innocent victims of war safe passage to America for emergency medical treatment, to cases in which she worked to prevent the deportation and separation of a Cleveland mother from her children. With every case, Ms. Jadallah's determination and expertise changed many lives forever.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Congressional Staff Member Malak Jadallah, who leaves a legacy of fierce determination, unwavering advocacy, compassion and justice. Her work will continue to have a profound effect on the lives of the men, women and children here in Cleveland, across the country and around the world as she continues to advance in her field. I remain forever grateful for her friendship and for her unyielding commitment and work that led numerous individuals and their families along pathways to a better life.

NORTH KOREA MISSILE LAUNCH  
CLEAR THREAT TO NATIONAL  
SECURITY

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my grave concern over the three-stage missile launch yesterday by North Korea. While described by Pyongyang as a simple weather satellite, the launch clearly violates United Nations Security Council Resolutions that ban the use of nuclear and missile-related technologies. The launch comes just days before the South Korean presidential election is held, timing I am sure is not a coincidence.

Pyongyang's dismissal of international pressures, as well as its continued work on missile-related technologies, pose a direct security threat to the United States and our allies, particularly South Korea. Yesterday's launch puts North Korea one step closer to obtaining a weaponized missile. As there are over 28,000 American troops currently serving on the Korean Peninsula, yesterday's actions are unacceptable and now more than ever, the United States needs to stand strong in solidarity with our South Korean counterparts.

The United States, South Korea, and other countries have been trying to engage the North Korean regime diplomatically for many years to end its program to develop nuclear weapons and delivery devices that could threaten Northeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Despite offers of many positive incentives in the form of humanitarian aid to North Korea, Pyongyang has persisted in its belligerence. North Korea has stubbornly refused to adhere to peaceful international protocols that would boost stability and economic prosperity. This will be the second time this year it has violated its agreements.

Political stability and security of the Korean Peninsula are vital to U.S. interests and to our allies. Beyond South Korea, nations including Japan and the Philippines could be threatened by the existence of North Korean nuclear missiles. Further North Korean provocations could easily and seriously disrupt the Trans-Pacific trade relations that have developed over the past six decades.

It is the obligation of Congress to speak out when U.S. security and our economic interests are under threat. This is a clear sign that the Administration's previous policies of diplomacy, as well as the retaliatory steps taken after the failed April 13, 2012 launch, are not deterring Kim Jong-un. A stronger response is necessary.

I was pleased to see the United Nations Security Council swiftly condemn the attacks yesterday and I urge my colleagues to join me in condemning the Pyongyang regime's belligerent behavior as a threat to regional and global security. I call upon the Administration and the National Security Council to work with our counterparts in the United Nations to take appropriate steps to ensure that these actions are followed with clear consequences.

HONORING DAVID J. SCHMIDLING

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David J. Schmidling. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, David has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has led his troop in many capacities, including Webmaster, Librarian, Chaplain's Aide and National Youth Leadership Training staff member. "Swift Spirit," as he is also known by, has earned 33 merit badges, his favorite of which is aviation. David has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. David remodeled and restored a playground area at Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Easton, Missouri, constructing a playground set and cleaning up the playground area. David hopes to continue pursuing his passion for hockey into high school, juniors, and college with the hope of becoming a corporate pilot.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David J. Schmidling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
MARTHA INGLE

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Martha Ingle upon her retirement after 36 years of faithful and dedicated service to the citizens of Walton County, Florida.

Ms. Ingle began her career in public service with the Walton County Clerk of Court, where she served for a combined 21 years as Deputy Clerk and later Chief Deputy Clerk. After leaving the Clerk's office, Martha continued her career as a dedicated public servant, working for four years as Budget Officer for the Walton County Board of Commissioners. Ultimately, Ms. Ingle was elected to serve as Walton County Clerk of Court. As Clerk of Court, she served in myriad roles, including Chief Financial Officer for the Court, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Accountant and Auditor, Recorder, and Custodian of county funds.

A shining example of commitment to public service, Ms. Ingle received numerous accolades during her tenure, including ten consecutive annual Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; and during fiscal year 2011, under her leadership, Ms.